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2. & 3. Claims 7 and 8 can not be rejaected because, all of the claims (1-8) since 04/24/2001 have been rejected, but no one at the US PATENT OFFICE has proven that tne newspaper box can be used as a MAILBOX (POSTAL BULLETIN 22102), that is why Marek (US 5,898,371 a Mailbox Patent is rejecting the Claims, check out postal Bulletin 22102 at a Post Office near you. a newspaper box is an unapproved box and is prohibited to be used as a Mailbox, for one reason it is open at the front with drainage holes in the bottom (no protection from the weather) and all of the postage Paid Mail woud be wet when it rains. A Mailbox is a closed containes with a door protected from the weather. A newspaper delivery person puts the newspaper into a plastic bag befor they place them into the Newspaper Box, then the newspaper will not get wet. Conigliaro (US 3,611,333) patented October 5, 1971 had about all of Mareks Patents, but the TERM OF THE PATENT HAS EXPIRED (20 years).

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Marek clams of a plate in the bottom of the box -- there is no plate in the bottom of the newspaper box. There is no plate in the bottom of the Newspaper Box Monitor, it is a lever that is 1" above the bottom of the box and acts like a tetter-totter, and has counter-weights on one end. The Unitd States Postal Service will never change the rules and regulation about Postal Bulletin 22102. and start using a Newspaper Box for a Mailbox or every body in the United States would get wet mail every time it rains or snows and melts.

Amendments to the Claims

I do not want any more Claims canceled, I want Claim 4,7 and 8 just as they are because no one has contacted the United States Postal Service to PROVE THAT Postal Bulletin 22102 will allow a Newspaper Box to take the place of a Mailbox, even if all of the mail will get wet, as the newspaper box is not weather proof.

I Respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully Submitted,

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POSTAL SERVICE

POSTAL NEWS

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Mailbox Improvement Week Arrives in Time for Spring Cleaning

The U.S. Postal Service is asking all [CITY NAME] homeowners to inspect and repair their mailboxes during Mailbox Improvement Week, May 19–24, says Postmaster [FULL NAME].

"Repairing suburban and rural mailboxes improves the appearance of our community and makes delivering and receiving mail safer for our carriers and customers," [LAST NAME] says.

The Postal Service makes this annual request because of the wear and tear that occurs to mailboxes every year. "This is especially important after the effects of last winter," [HE/SHE] adds [IF APPLICABLE].

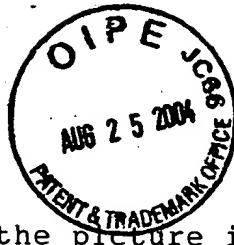
Some of the typical activities that may need to be done include:

- ☐ Replacing loose hinges on a mailbox door.
- ☐ Repainting a mailbox that may have rusted or started peeling paint.
- ☐ Remounting a mailbox post if loosened.
- ☐ Replacing or adding house numbers.

"If a homeowner plans to install a new mailbox or replace a worn one, he or she must use only Postal Service-approved traditional, contemporary, or locking full- or limited-service mailboxes," said [LAST NAME]. "Customers should be careful when purchasing curbside mail receptacles because the use of unapproved boxes is prohibited. Customers may use a custom-built mailbox, but they must consult with my office to ensure it conforms to guidelines applying to flag, size, strength, and quality of construction."

For more information on the use of names or numbers on mailboxes, or answers to any other questions, contact Postmaster [FULL NAME] at [PHONE NUMBER] or call your local postmaster at [PHONE NUMBER].

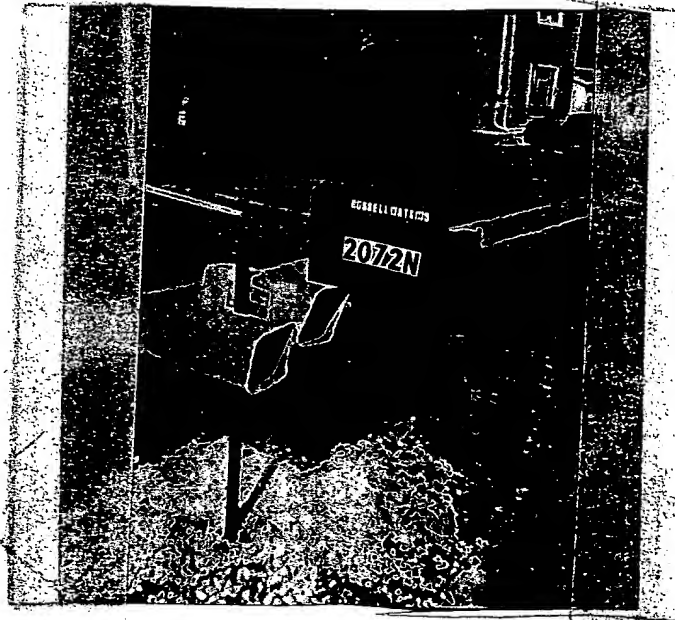
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To the right in the picture is a curbside, suburban and rural Mailbox (the same as Marek (US 5,898,371) that has to be used to

deliver US Postage Paid Mail into, by a motorized delivery person to the address on their delivery route. The Mailbox is enclosed with a door and is weather proof, so no Postage Mail can get wet. It has a flag on the right side of the picture that is used, if the persons at the address have outgoing mail or want to buy postage stamps, they have to raise the flag, otherwise the delivery person will drive on by if there is no Mail to be delivered there.

In the city there is no curbside Mailboxes, the US Mail delivery person has to walk to deliver the Mail to each house and office on the delivery route. They have to go to the Post Office if any one wants to Mail anything to anybody or place, as the delivery person only delivers the Mail. They do not Mail things for anybody.



To the left in the picture is 2 curbside newspaper boxes beside the curbside Mailbox. From different newspaper companies that are delivered every day. They are different colors so the delivery persons can deliver to the right place by looking at the boxes and do not remember the address. They are open at the front and have drainage holes in the bottom and that is why the delivery person has to put the newspaper in a plastic bag, then place the paper and plastic bag so the newspaper will not get wet.